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was a Lolo base. Chao-chio is the important gateway for Lolo access to Hsi-k'ang Province. At times, the communications between Chao-chio and Hsi-ch'ang have been under Lolo control. Garrisons for long managed to keep Han-Chinese footing in such towns as San-ho-k'ou, Yu-cha-p'ing, Chung-shan-p'ing, Yen-pa-tzu, Shan-leng-kang, Ma-ching-tzu, Hsi-su-chiao, Hsiao-chih-chi and Yi-tzu-ts'un, although the Lolos controlled the connecting areas. However, in the great uprisings following the Republican revolution in China, the Han-Chinese armies were demoralized and weak. Ch'ang-p'u-t'ien was lost, causing the cutting of communications between Lei-po and Huang-lang. Then Shan-leng-kang was lost, and Ma-ching no longer was tenable. With the loss of Yen-feng and Yu-cha-p'ing, the route from Ma-pien to the central sector of the Ta-liang Shan was cut. With the further loss of San-ho-k'ou, communications between Ma-pien and Ngo-pien were cut.

In 1927 when the Lei-po magistrate, Lo Mien-nan, was killed by the Lolos at Yi-tzu-ts'un, the Government failed to take any punitive measures, so that it lost a great amount of prestige. Emboldened by this sign of weakness, the Lolos kept the region in perpetual turmoil and insecurity [up to the time Lin Yueh-hua wrote his account of the area in 1944]. Many vestiges in the Ta-liang Shan fringes indicate where Han-Chinese settlements had once penetrated and then were forced back by the Lolo tribesmen.

To enter the Lolo region from the east, one can proceed up the Yang-tzu by steam-launch during high water or by native boat all the year around as far as Ping-yi-ch'ang west of Yi-pin Hsien. The old name of Ping-yi-ch'ang was Man-Yi-ssu (tribal magistracy) the seat of the Man-Yi t'u-ssu. Today all the inhabitants of this district are Han-Chinese, although the old name still is in use. This town is an important gateway westward. Salt and cloth are brought here and carried to tribes people by peddlers from here. Lolo tribesmen also bring goods to trade here, so this is an important mart for interchange between Han-Chinese and Lolo. The Hsi-ning Ho runs into the Yang-tzu [actually, the Yang-tzu is called the Chin-sha above Yi-pin where the Min runs into it]. Hsia-ch'i on the south bank of the Hsi-ning Ho is the largest village along its banks, with a population of about 4000. Lolos often are seen here trading.